

from overbalancing the equilibrium of mind. As regards the Will, or volition, all energy for active exertion is entirely absorbed in the one direction to which it is morbidly concentrated by the sense of dread. In the intellect, the additional supply of energy, diverted from the organic processes, stimulates the perceptive powers and thoughts along the sole channel of a deepened impressiveness and consciousness of the sources of alarm. The mind becomes exclusively bent upon the object of terror to the cancelment of every other regard and to the paralysis of all consciousness and action in all counteracting forms. Fear depresses the organic functions on which sanity is built; the Will becomes the abject dependant of the predominant feeling, and the intellect is chained imperiously to the behests alone of the pervading dread. And where men congregate, and particularly where they are concerned in the same species of work and thought as in the market, this dominant feeling in each intensifies by contagion the similar feeling in others, and through this common sympathy the apprehension assumes the form of unreasoning panic. This digression suggests another—profoundly emphasised by a complete survey of the entire procession of events. Passing over the stupendous fact that, in the providential order of the universe, a single debased Will was able to convert the pleasant earth into indescribable desolation and woe, we were confronted with the possible lapse of all spiritual faith—where existed, or was visible, amid this barbarity, born of Germany, which no barbarous hordes had even previously matched, the justice of an Omnipotent God ? And after a weary interval, the answer grew evident, and doubting trust again was guided to perceive the way. The Almighty effects His purposes through the agency of men as His ministers : and in the memorable and instantaneous uprising of the nations under the inspiration of a righteous demand for justice ; in the resolute and united determination to endure the acutest privations in order to obliterate this intolerable curse; we at length discerned the execution of the Divine judgment upon the offenders.

On this day, many of the public, seeing the portentous and rapid descent of the finest securities, became purchasers for the purpose of holding until more settled times.